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SUBJECT: PREFIXING OF CORN IMPORT LEVIES

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1. AN OFFICIAL OF FEFAC (EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF COMPOUND ANIMAL FEED MANUFACTURERS) TOLD US THAT COPA ASKED THE COMMISSION TO REDUCE THE PREFIXING PERIOD FOR IMPORT LEVIES ON FEEDGRAINS FROM 60 TO 30 DAYS. HE FEARED THAT THE COMMISSION MIGHT BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS THIS REQUEST IN VIEW OF ITS GOAL OF INCREASING CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT IN FEED (AS EVIDENCED BY THE NEW PRICE SYSTEM FROM WHEAT). HE GAVE US A COPY OF A LETTER THAT THE PRESIDENT OF FEFAC HAD WRITTEN TO COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH PROTESTING THIS PROPOSED CHANGE.

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2. WE ASKED A WORKING LEVEL OFFICIAL IN THE COMMISSION'S GRAIN DIVISION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION TAKING SUCH ACTION. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME AND, IN FACT, HAD BEEN DISCUSSED IN JANUARY, BUT AT THAT TIME MOST OF THE MEMBER STATES HAD BEEN OPPOSED TO

THE CHANGE. HE RECALLED THAT THE PREFIXING PERIOD FOR CORN HAD BEEN EXTENDED FROM 30 TO 60 DAYS IN AUGUST (AND FOR BARLEY AND OATS IN SEPTEMBER) IN RESPONSE TO THE TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION CAUSED BY THE DROUGHT, AND SAID THAT PERSONALLY HE FELT THAT THE 60-DAY PERIOD IS LONGER THAN NECESSARY. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE FELT THAT THERE WAS NO URGENT NEED TO REDUCE THIS PERIOD. IT IS ONLY WHEN LARGE AND RAPID DECLINES IN WORLD GRAIN PRICES OCCUR THAT THE PREFIXING SYSTEM CAN RESULT IN A SUBSTANTIAL UNDERCUTTING OF THE CORN THRESHOLD PRICE. HE FELT THAT SUCH DECLINES WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE ADVISED HIM THAT A SHORTENING OF THE PREFIXING PERIOD WOULD NOT BE VIEWED FAVORABLY BY THE UNITED STATES.HINTON

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